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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I support broadband competition. The 1996 Telecommunications Act allows competitive carriers to rent UNEs competitively. If the US Telecom Association has its way, small internet providers will be priced out of the market, whereas now that are leading the charge for progress and high bandwidth. I have been using a local carrier for 4 years (LMI.net); my colleagues who are still stuck with AT&T are paying two and a half times as much. Well, if they call AT&T and threaten to quit, AT&T will match what I pay, but not many people do that -- this just shows how AT&T has been enjoying a free ride at the consumers' expense.

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